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CHAPTER XV. During the morning Bouton told Henry Kyle that he was going to find Captain Brandon, at the same time desiring Henry to remain with the ladies. Then Bouton lay down to sleep in anticipation of a long night ride. He had not slept long when he

awakened by Patch, who informed him that one of Black Eagle's Indians had come in. Bouton got up and questioned the Indian, who told him that he had seen Captain Bran-don and the Prophet together.

The Indian was right. The Prophet and Captain Brandon had counted their forces. On hearing of Louis Kyle's capture, the Prophet set out on foot alone to rescue him, and came within a couple of miles of Black Eagle's warriors before night. He kept on, nor halted for breath or in doubt about the way, until he stood on the rim of Kyle's valley and saw far beneath him the stars reflected in the placid lake.
"They are coming. I hear them far

I have outstripped them as I would the wind on such a mission."

Down the steep hills the Prophet sped to the meadow-like expanse that in the sunlight looked like a great emerald in the granite setting of the the deep baying of a hound was

heard in front.
"Down, dog, down!" said the Prophet as the dog came fiercely toward him. The dog obeyed and slunk in ahead as if ashamed of his mistake. The Prophet ran up to the house and beat with his clenched fist on the

'Who is there?" demanded Valentine Kyle from within.
"I-I-a friend," was the reply.

'Your name?" "Men call me Daniel the Prophet. Arise! Awake! The Philistines are in the hills, and they come this way with the speed of a mountain torrent and the destruction of a prairie fire. Up, Valentine Kyle! Up, for the sake of your home, your wife, and your

Still, as he spoke, the Prophet continued his pounding on the door, and the echoes round about took up the hollow sound. In a few minutes the door was opened, and Valentine Kyle appeared shading a light and bending forward to get a sight of his vis-

"Fear not," cried the Prophet. "In torch, God's name, believe I am a friend." "I do. Enter and tell us your mis-

"I have no time to sit down, nor have you time to hear me. Bouton and his gang even as I speak are entering your valley—"
"Entering my valley?"

"Even as I tell thee." 'But why?"

"Why does the wolf enter your folds? He comes for plunter or worse. Hark to the barking of your hound! The wind sweeps this way, and he has scented them. Call your daughter, secure your arms, and follow me with your wife. Delay not; a min-ute may be worth a life!'

These mere words can give no idea of the effect of the Prophet's manner. It was simply irresistible, and, with a woman's quick apprehension, Mrs. Kyle saw that he spoke with reason and felt that it would be wise to obey

"Let us follow the Prophet, hus-and," she said, eagerly, "No harm band," she said, eagerly. "No harm can come of it, for we have ever heard of him as a good man." Valentine Kyle had come to the conclusion that it was not a false alarm, and was hastily putting on his equipments when his daughter his equipments when his daughter Nora, the Indian girl Kushat, and an old herder came rushing in. The herder called out:

There are horsemen in our valley, and they are galloping this way!"
"That is Bouton's gang," said the
Prophet. "Hurry! For your lives,

In less time than it takes to de-scribe it Mrs. Kyle and her daughter threw on such covers as they found handy, Mr. Kyle extinguished the light, and all went out. If Valentine Kyle had entertained any doubts of the vicinity of a considerable body of horsemen, they vanished after he had been in the open air. His ears told

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With his rifle in his left hand and his wife clinging to his right, Valentine Kyle led the way, followed by Nora and Kushat, while the Prophet and the Indian herder brought up the

A few hundred yards back of the house the foothill of the highest mountain in sight was broken into ravines and made up of rock heaps that looked at a little distance like the ruins of a mighty temple. Here in the long ago Valentine Kyle has often played with his boys and his baby daughter. At the present time a few of the more open spaces were used as corrals for the sheep, but there was not a nook in it that Mr. Kyle and any of his family could not have found blindfolded.
"We are safe here for the present,

I think. Let us wait. I hear them calling," said Mr. Kyle.

They stopped in a little glen that seemed to be roofed by a projecting rock, for there was only a narrow strap overhead through which the stars could be seen. They heard the clinking of arms,

the stamping and panting of horses that had been hard ridden, and the pounding on the walls of the log

"Hello! Hello in there!"
"That's Bouton's voice," said the Prophet.
"Open up!" in a louder and more imperative voice. Open up, or we'll

break in the doors!"
"Start a fire," shouted one of the men, "and burn them out."
"Let me so to a point where I can talk with those demons without exposing your place of concealment, said the Proppet.

Valentine Kyle was about to protest against this, but before he could do so the Prophet had vanished. He hurried in the direction of the out-laws, and when he thought they could hear him he called out: "I am here, Bouton, to answer for Valentine Kyle.

"You! Who are you?" asked Bouton, and the noise and the shouting ceased about him "Do you not know, O firstborn of Belial?"

"You are the Prophet!" gasped Bou-"From thy false lips the truth has

fallen for once. I came to warn the innocent of thy wicked designs." "Of my designs?" repeated Bou-ton. His whole nature was superstimountains. As he neared the house, the location marked by the darker outlines of the surrounding trees, the resting cattle started up in alarm and occult means he had discovered his secret. It would not do to communicate his fears to his equally superstitious companions, so he made up his mind to put a bold face on it. "Aye, thy designs. Think you not that I can read your purpose?"
"When did you come here?"

"That matters not." "You were with the immigrants this morning," said Bouton, recalling his scout's information.
"Even so. But why should I ex-

change words with thee, O most cruel of mongrel curs?" The Prophet stopped the use of the second person singular, a sure sign that his spiritual nature was sinking for the time into abeyance, and con-

"You come to the nest, but birds have flown, and the cruel hunter that follows them must carry his life in his hands."

"There is still plunder in the nest," said the outlaw, maddened at being checkmated. "Clean out the house there! Apply the torch!" he shouted to his men. The light will show itor. When his eyes became accustomed to the gloom, he discovered the herds of Kyle's valley will be wel-

lament his rashness, for a shot from the Prophet's rifle stretched him at Bouton's feet.

(To be Continued.)

Western Ontario

Three Wallaceburg People Narrowly Escape Drowning.

Serious Accident to the Driver of a Threshing Engine.

Mr. J. M. Irwin has been elected president of the Galt Board of Trade. During the first half of this year the Windsor city clerk registered 113 births, 294 marriages and 84 deaths. Capt. Sullivan, who retired from the command of the car ferry Lansdowne, has been presented with a silver water service by the Grand Trunk em-

ployes in Windsor. Immense quantities of raspberries, blackberries and peaches are being shipped from South Essex. The crop is said to have been one of the best

John S. Mackay, Bramar, died on Vednesday night of inflammation of lungs at his home, where he has ed from boyhood. Deceased was one of the best known men in East Zorra, ment. It has a wider field to cover. in which township he was born 56 It brings one into touch with the

Miss Pyke, who lives in Brantford township, a few miles north of the city, where she formerly taught school, has resigned her position in order to enter upon missionary work among the lepers in China. She will be absent six years.

A man who goes by the name of Riddel has been victimizing several people in Blenheim township recenthas secured good free board and whisky at the hands of the residents in that locality.

The Learnington berry patches are in which he argued that Cordelia and "not in it" with the fruit growers of the fool in "King Lear" were identical. Blenheim district. On Alex. Sample's It was an entirely new thought, and place on Monday last 1,500 quarts of was debated by many leading critics. berries were picked; on Tuesday the pickers gathered 1,270 quarts; on Wednesday, 1,400 quarts, and on Friday the fine total of 2,000 quarts of berries were picked, boxed and shipped, and the quality of the berries is second to none in the province.

Crawford's handle factory at Tilbury has smashed all previous records for accidents during the past week. On Thursday Sam Labonte allowed his hand to come in contact with a rip saw, and was minus a thumb. next day M. Champagne lost a portion of his hand by allowing it to get too close to a saw, and then Gilbert Gilbeau had the third finger of his left hand cut off with a saw, and the remainder of the hand badly mangled.

Wallaceburg News: The little breach or misunderstanding between the official board of the Methodist Church, the conference and the pastor has not yet been settled. A portion of the church have second and opened new

quarters in which to worship, and have engaged the Robinson Hall; thus we have two bodies of Methodists in the 'burg. It is not as yet known whether they will be known as another Methodist body or not, or what name they will be known by.

Three Wallaceburg citizens, Rev. Father Ronan. Frank Hinnegan, proprietor of the Queen's Hotel, and A. J. O'Flynn, bookkeeper at Mr. Hurey's store, recently went to enjoy a day's fishing on the river. When out Mr. Hinnegan required more bait and Rev. Father Ronan reached out for the pail which was hanging over the stern of the boat and in doing so the boat filled with water and capsized, throwing the three into the river. Mr O'Flynn swam to a buoy in the river about 100 yards away, while Father Ronan and Mr. Hinnegan hung onto the capsized boat until assistance They lost their grip several

times and were nearly exhausted when

James Overholt met with a serious accident Friday, and one which will lay him up for a considerable time. He lives at White's Station, and during the day he started out to Mr. A. Fulton's on the Red River road, Southwold, to thresh. He was driving the engine, and as he was coming down the Fulton's Hill the heavy engine upset and fell directly on top of the driver. He was pinned fast to the ground, and it was some time hefore those who had gathered around. before those who had gathered around could get his body extricated from beneath the engine. It was only after considerable digging had been done that he was taken out, and he was then in a rather serious condi-tion. The engine was full of hot water at the time of the upset. One of his legs was badly crushed.

Back From Oxford.

Mr. Arthur J, Stringer Returns from the Great Seat of Learning.

Chat With the Rising Young Littera teur-His Experiences Abroad.

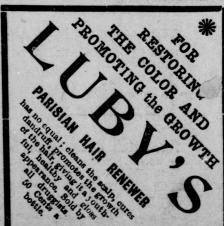
Mr. Arthur J. Stringer, London's rising young poet, is home again after a year's sojourn at Oxford. Mr. Stringer went straight to the fountain-head portant duties of a deputy returning to drink of the waters of knowledge officer is that he should put all ballots in their proper envelopes, secureand returns much refreshed and in- ly sealed, and to remain sealed, unvigorated. An "Advertiser" reporter less a recount is demanded. In mofound him the other evening at his than one of the sub-divisions, howresidence on Elmwood avenue, his face ever, ballots were found loose in the not sicklied o'er with the pale cast of thought, but suffused with the glow of perfect health-and his student's the box. The Free Press says that it was plain to Lidge Berrett and to the lamp. Mr. Stringer chatted pleasantly about his Oxford experiences. "It is a place one leaves with regret," he said, "but I am not sorry to be home date. That one man had marked half again. In all my travels I have not of the ballots cast at Dyer's Bay for seen a city of the same size so at-tractive as London. In Europe they The Free Press, therefore, says that seen a city of the same size so atmay have the quaint charms of age, but for natural beauty, our own little Forest City is the peer of them all.

"My college career? Well, I attached myself to dear old Magdalen. The building is a venerable pile 'embowered in verdure,' to quote Macaulay. Its velvet lawns, botanic gardens, Addison's walk and other picturesque haunts make its surroundings most bewitching, while the associations which cluster round it exercise a delightful spell over the imagination. One may be said to wallow in antiquity at Oxford. The records of great men are written everywhere, and there is inspiration in the very walls, reared centuries ago. I did not enter Oxford to take the regular course, but for are: Ed H. Smith, proprietor of road tomed to the gloom, he discovered the weird, gigantic form of the Prophet, and he drew back, with his hand on the pistol he had hastily fastened to the pistol he had hastily fastened to the gloom, he discovered the herds of Kyle's valley will be welter to take the regular course, but to take the regular course, but to take the regular course, but to take the special object of pursuing my house in Fifty-first street; John Mc-studies in Shakespeare. I attended Shakespearian lectures at the different course, but to take the regular course, but to take the special object of pursuing my house in Fifty-first street; John Mc-studies in Shakespeare. I attended Shakespearian lectures at the different course, but to take the regular course, but to take the special object of pursuing my house in Fifty-first street; John Mc-street, and the course in Fifty-first street; John Mc-street, an can. One of the men outside lit a colleges. I also wished to take advantable, but he did not long survive to tage of the Bodleian library at Oxford, which for reading purposes is as good as the British Museum. It contains over half a million bound volumes, including 30,000 volumes of manuscript and other rich literary treasures. It enjoys the right to a copy of every

work published in Great Britain." "Is the Oxford course severe?" "No. A stranger is greatly struck by the amount of leisure and luxury the students enjoy. They do practically no work in the afternoon. Lectures last until 1 p.m., and sometimes there is one between 5 and 6 p.m. But the afternoon is devoted almost exclusively to football, fencing, cricket, golf or some other branch of athletics. A student found me reading one afternoon in my room and expressed great astonishment. He informed me that it was 'very bad form' to work at such a time. It is amusing to a foreigner to see how seriously, even sadly, the English take their games. The most brilliant plays excite only a feeble handclap, and even the people who do that look ashamed of themselves. In their boat races, homever, they go to the other extreme, and are demonstrative

to a degree unheard of here. "Speaking comparatively, the pass men at Oxford do not do as much as the pass men at Toronto; but the Oxford honor men have harder work than our own. The college system there would not, I think, be so successful here as our university system. Of course, comparisons are unfair to our Canadian universities. Oxford has the advantage of enormous wealth and prestige, the most distinguished patronage, and of centuries of develop world's brightest minds."

Mr. Stringer says he obtained much profit and pleasure abroad. After leaving Oxford he went to Germany, and read for some time with Dr. Broemig, the celebrated Shakespearian scholar. Afterwards he enjoyed a cruise in company with six German professors, through the Baltic Sea and the Elbe River. He is glad to be in London again, as the quietude of home is conducive to literary labor. Mr. Stringer is at present engaged upon original studies in Shakespeare, which he will publish soon. He created no small stir in the Shakespearian world some time ago by an article in the Shakespeare Magazine of New York, Mr. Stringer has many other plans for the future, which he prefers not to disclose just yet.



Another Seat Steal

Extraordinary Condition of Affairs in North Bruce.

More Ballots Found in the Boxes Than There Were Votes Polled.

To the roll of constituencies which electoral frauds prevailed must now be added North Bruce. The facts connected with the recount in that constituency are given as follows, in the Chesley Free Press:

"1. Judge Barrett decided at the outset that the ballots should be counted whether the cross was in the disc or not.
"2. McNeill had 119 outside the

disk; Bonnar had 104.

"3. In four polling booths there were more ballots in the boxes than votes cast.

"4. In No. 1, Elderslie, one ballot marked for Bonnar was numbered.

This was thrown out by the judge. The next numbered ballot was for McNeill, and this was also thrown out. Other ballots numbered in about equal proportions for the two candidates were also thrown out, until Wiarton ballot boxes were reached, when in were found sixteen numbered ballots for McNeill and seven for Bonnar; these were counted.
"5. Any loose ballots found in the ballot boxes outside the envelopes were not counted, except at polling sub-division No. 35 (Dyer's Bay) where several were found loose in the ballot box. These were all counted, 26 of them being for McNeill and five for Bonnar. In this poll there was no affidavit from the deputy returning officer as to the correctness of the ballots, nor had the deputy returning officer taken the oath of office. This was one of the polls where there were more ballots in the box than votes cast."

To the lay mind there will be some difficulty in reconciling the apparent contradictions of Judge Barrett's de-cisions, but there may be circum-stances not wholly disclosed by a bold statement of the facts. Of the irregularities in the work of the returning can be no doubt. One of the most imboxes, while at Dyer's Bay there were no less than 31 thus found loose in was plain to Judge Barrett and to the lawyers and agents on both sides that the riding was deliberately stolen from Dr. Bonnar, the Reform candi-date. That one man had marked half "if these ballots were not marked by the party who acted as deputy re-turning officer, without being properly sworn in, or the state of the poll duly attested after the close of the poll, then they were marked somebody else."

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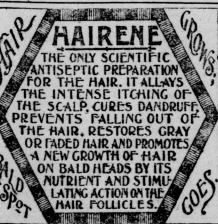
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Clark		10.10 a.m	10.50 a.m	11.00 a.m	11.50 a.m	12.0 noon
Hiawatha	11.30 a.m	11.40 a.m	12.20 p.m	12.30 p.m	1.20 p.m	1.30 p.m
Clark		2.10 p.m	2.50 p.m	3.00 p.m	3.50 p.m	4.00 p.m
Hiawatha	3.00 p m	3.10 p.m	3.50 p.m	4.00 p.m	4.50 p m	5.00 p.m
Clark		4.10 p.m	4.50 p m	5.00 p.m	5.50 p.m	6.00 p.m
Hiawatha		5.10 p.m	5.50 p.m	6.00 p.m	6.50 p.m	7.00 p.m
Clark		6.10 p.m	6.50 p.m	7.00 p.m	7.50 p.m	8.00 p.m
Hiawatha		7.10 p.m	7.50 p.m	8.00 p.m	9.50 p.m	10.00 p.m
Clark		8.10 p.m	8.50 p.m	10.00 p.m	10.50 p.m	11.00 p.m
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